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SUBJ: IMPORT DUTIES FOR AIRCRAFT

REF: CARACAS 7825 AND 8130

1. THE DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS, BY REGULATION ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1, 1975, MODIFIED THE CIVIL AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND THE LETTERING SYSTEM BY WHICH THE PURPOSE OF THE AIRCRAFT IS INDICATED.

2. THE NEW SYSTEM PROVIDES THE LETTER "P" FOR AIRCRAFT USED FOR PURELY PRIVATE USE, SUCH AS SPORTS, TOURISM, PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION. THE LETTERS "G" WILL INDICATE PRIVATELY OWNED AIRCRAFT USED OF BUSINESS PURPOSES, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, CROP DUSTING OR ANY OTHER USE IN WHICH A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE IS INVOLVED. THE LETTER "C" WILL BE GIVEN TO COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTS OPERATED BY AIRLINES.

3. THE DIRECTORATE INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE MEASURE HAS NO RELATIONSHIP TO THE NEW CUSTOMS DUTIES FOR AIRCRAFT AND THAT IN FACT IT WAS NOT CONSULTED CONCERNING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE NEW DUTY RATE. AIRCRAFT WITH A "P" REGISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXEMPT FROM LANDING FEES, WHILE ALL OTHERS WILL PAY THESE FEES ON ALL AUTHORIZED AIRPORTS.

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4. IN THE MEANTIME, PRESSURE AGAINST THE NEW HIGH DUTIES IS MOUNTING. THE PILOT ASSOCIATIONS, THE AIRLINES, TAXI OPERATORS, OWNERS OF EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT AND THE AEROCLUBS, THE PRESS, TELEVISION, CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS AND AIRCRAFT DEALERS ARE REQUESTING MEETINGS WITH THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND EVEN WITH THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE MEASURE. THE PILOT GROUPS ARE THREATENING A GENERAL STRIKE IF THE NEW DUTY RATE IS NOT REPEALED. ALL GROUPS CLAIM THAT THE MEASURE WAS PASSED WITHOUT PRIOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ANY OF THEM AND THAT IT WAS PURELY A DECISION OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE WITH AUTHORIZATION BY THE PRESIDENT.

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